

**Minutes of Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 15th June 2021**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Deirdre O' Brien, Frank O' Flynn, William O' Leary; Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Mary Hayes SEO, Pauline Moriarty MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

Apologies: Cllrs. Noel McCarthy, Frank Roche.

1. MINUTES - Minutes of Fermoy MD May meeting held on 18th May 2021

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

2. LEASE OF ROOM at Fermoy Town Hall to Bantry Rural Transport.

Pauline Moriarty MDO informed the Members that this is a continuation of the existing lease agreement and on the proposition of Cllr. William O' Leary, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, this Lease of Room at Fermoy Town Hall to Bantry Rural Transport was agreed by the elected Members.

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. June 2021 MDO Report (including update on Fermoy Weir Remediation and Fish Bypass Project).

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through her report, which was uploaded to QuickMinutes and displayed onscreen for the Members information. She requested the Member's approval for the increased allocation to the 2021 Painting Scheme to be re-allocated from Project ACT funding, this was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson. The report was welcomed by the Members who raised the following queries and comments:

- RE: Fermoy Weir - the Members enquired when the planning application is to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála, to which Pauline Moriarty MDO replied she will check with the relevant department and revert to the Members.
- RE: Free-Standing Canopies / Seating - the Members again raised their concerns around the installation of these amenities in relation to (i) their cost and whether they represent value-for-money, (ii) the issue of potential litter and vandalism and (iii) whether they will become a venue for anti-social behaviour. There was also a request for the cleaning and power-hosing of New Square, Mitchelstown prior to the installation of these canopies. Pauline said she will arrange for the power-hosing of the square and assured the Members that these facilities would be monitored on an ongoing basis.
- RE: Outdoor Dining Applications - Further to a query, Pauline Moriarty MDO informed the Members that all applications received have now been considered and processed. Some have been granted and any others pending insurances etc. will be granted as soon as possible.
- RE: Footpath extension in New Square, Mitchelstown - Further to a query whether this footpath widening to facilitate outdoor dining is permanent or temporary, Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that, as the existing kerbs and corners are too narrow to facilitate traffic movement at this location, it is probable that the concreted area will be left in situ. Additionally, for the corresponding corner on the opposite side (southern side) of the square, Brendan said similar remedial measures are required here for the same reason.
- RE: Picnic Tables, Mitchelstown Playground - Cllr. O' Brien queried the cost of these and also the potential for them being vandalised, to which Pauline Moriarty MDO replied these are a necessary replacement for the two existing picnic tables which are located just outside the playground area on public ground.

b. Doneraile Town & Village : Section 38 Initial Report.

Mary Hayes SEO informed the elected Members that public consultation had been somewhat restricted due to Covid-19 limitations but that consultation has taken place (using preliminary drawings) with a number of principle stakeholders and it is planned to further engage with the people of Doneraile by means of an 'open day' where interested parties can view the plans and proposals.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the main elements of the plans which were uploaded to QuickMinutes and displayed onscreen for the Members information. He stated there are three distinct locations included in the proposals for Doneraile: (i) south of Turnpike Cross, (ii) the junction of Main Street and Convent Road and (iii) Cornahinch Cross. There are no plans for the permanent removal of car parking and it is proposed that there will be temporary restrictions at the coach drop-off point on the Main Street only on days when coach arrivals are scheduled. Brendan said the plans have been forwarded to An Garda Síochána for their information and consideration. The plans will be available to view online and at Fermoy Town Hall and public submissions are welcome. The statutory Section 38 public awareness process is now due to commence and Brendan sought the Members approval to proceed. The elected Members welcomed the proposals for the works here and are satisfied that full public consultation will take place which will ensure all interested parties are informed and familiar with the proposals. The Members commended the Doneraile community which they said is vibrant, aware and engaged in the town, and they look forward to these works progressing to the benefit of Doneraile following the public consultation process. On the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and with the agreement of the Members the Doneraile Section 38 public consultation process can now proceed.

c. Coolagown Traffic Calming : Section 38 Final Report.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the elected Members in relation to this project that the public consultation process, which commenced on 22 April 2021, has now concluded with the receipt of two public submissions. The first submission was from An Garda Síochána who fully support the proposals. The second submission was from a local stud proprietor who had concerns about possible public access to his lands owing to the removal of a ditch, in relation to which Brendan stated that all concerns here have been satisfactorily resolved. Brendan sought the Member's approval to proceed with this proposed scheme and on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. William O' Leary and with the agreement of the elected Members the Coolagown Traffic Calming project was approved.

d. Brigown Pedestrian Crossing : Section 38 Final Report.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the elected Members in relation to this project that the public consultation process, which commenced on 22 April 2021, has now concluded with the receipt of one submission from An Garda Síochána who fully support these proposals. Brendan advised that the scheme is to be funded from two sources, NTA and SIS (Safety Improvement Scheme) 2021 funds. Cllrs. Kay Dawson and Deirdre O' Brien welcomed the proposed pedestrian crossing at this location, saying the increased safety here will be of great benefit to all. Cllr. William O' Leary welcomed the scheme and enquired if other locations could benefit similarly from this type of crossing availing of these funding sources, to which Brendan replied this is a pilot scheme but elements of this scheme could be replicated at other venues going forward. Brendan sought the Member's approval to proceed with these proposals and on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien and with the agreement of the elected Members the Brigown Pedestrian Crossing project was approved.

e. R639 Fermoy North Cycle Lanes : Section 38 Initial Report.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the elected Members that the public consultation process for this project will commence on 17th June 2021. He went through the plans and proposals, advising the Members that the project is shovel-ready and works can commence as soon as the public consultation process is complete. NTA funding amounting to €85k has been granted for this work. Brendan answered any queries the Members had, and the works proposed here outlined in this initial report were whole-heartedly welcomed by the elected Members. On the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien and agreed by the Members the project is sanctioned to proceed to the next stage.

f. 2021 RI / CIS / LIS Programme Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE updated the Members in relation to these schemes saying the works are progressing on schedule, satisfactorily and within budget. Wet-mixing will finish imminently in Rathcormac, while surface dressing operations will re-commence in the district in a number of weeks. Pre-surface dressing drainage is continuing prior to listed programme works at all locations. There are five confirmed CIS schemes in Fermoy MD this year with all public contributions fully paid and one CIS scheme has been completed to date. In relation to LIS schemes, there are two proposed for 2021 with one being confirmed to proceed and arrangements for the second pending confirmation. These LIS Schemes are late season works.

g. 2021 RM Programme Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members in relation to RM works nine of the fourteen Mitchelstown locations have now been done and the crew will be back in Fermoy in three weeks. This RM programme is scheduled to be finished by end August 2021 and it is planned that all works on all programmes will be complete by mid-November to meet end-of-year financial requirements.

h. 2021 DRAINAGE Programme Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that drainage works are 80% complete now.

i. 2021 FOOTPATH Programme Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the footpath programme works continue with the Contractor currently in Strawhall, Fermoy then moving to Corrinview Estate and then on to Mitchelstown. There is a huge body of works to be done on this programme but the Contractor is on site and getting through them as efficiently as possible. Brendan answered any queries the Members had and the Members, in turn, welcomed the considerable works carried out thus far on all programmes and thanked Brendan and the work crews for their contribution and work to date.

4. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

1. "that Cork County Council put in place an age friendly parking bay at Brian Boru Square, Fermoy". Until an overall countywide policy is put in place for the provision of age friendly parking bays in our towns and villages, we will note the request and consider when a future funding stream is allocated. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE added to his reply that both the CCC senior management team and the relevant SPC are aware of these requests and the requirement here and will revert with a county-wide policy in due course. Cllr. Kay Dawson said that the basic tenet of 'Age Friendly' is that the population themselves identify and submit their requirements (via a walkability study and consultation mechanism) and that this principle needs to be upheld.

Cllr. William O' Leary

2. "that this Council would furnish a full list of the by-laws enacted and passed for the Fermoy Municipal District and those previously passed by the former Fermoy Town Council which remain statutory".

This reply was noted by Cllr. William O' Leary and he expressed his appreciation for same.

Bye law		Date Adopted	Notes
Prohibiting the Consumption of intoxicating Liquor on the streets of Fermoy and in public places within the town of Fermoy	S.37(1) of the Local Government Act, 1994	01/03/2003	

Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2012	Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995	24/01/2012	
Parking Bye Laws 2014	Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (2014	The introduction of Fermoy Town Council byelaws 2014 hereby revokes Fermoy Urban District Council Byelaws 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2013
Fermoy Appointed Stands (Street Services Vehicles) Bye-Laws 2013	Section 84 (as substituted by Section 15 of the Road Traffic Act 2002 (No. 12 of 2002) of the Road Traffic Act 1961	2013	
Clancy Street and John Redmond Street Playground Bye-Laws 2013	Part 19 of The Local Government Act, 2001	2013	
Town Park Playground Bye Laws 2013	Part 19 of The Local Government Act, 2001	18/12/2013	
(Knockananig Reservoir) Bye Laws 2013	Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001	25/10/2013	

Cllr. Noel McCarthy (notice of motion proposed by Cllr. O' Flynn on behalf of Cllr. McCarthy)

3. "that this Council would repaint road markings at Mill Vale cross, Ballyhooly, Co. Cork".
Will be done. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

4. "that this Council install public lighting in Arch Avenue, Mitchelstown".
Already in place. Upgrades will be considered by public lighting section. (BO'G)
Brendan confirmed that this request has been conveyed to the public lighting section.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

5. "that Cork County Council refurbish and paint the sign indicating Castletownroche on the Mallow approach road on the green at Hunter's Park, Castletownroche".
These village signs are the responsibility of local community councils. (BO'G)
Further to an enquiry from Cllr. O' Flynn, Brendan explained that Cork County Council maintain any signs they have installed; and it is the responsibility of the group who have erected additional signs, such as the one referred to in this motion, to carry out any required repairs and maintenance.
6. "that Cork County Council extend out the 80 km speed limit on the approach road to Doneraile by the GAA field in the interest of safety".
Will be included in the 2022 Speed limit review for the county, which is about to commence.
(BO'G)

Cllr. William O' Leary

7. "that this Council would arrange repair works for the boundary wall for the Glencairn Estate, Rathcormac".
Will be done late summer. (BO'G)

Further to a request from Cllr. O' Leary if the slabs could also be repaired, Brendan replied yes, this will be done when the work to the wall is being done.

8. "that this Council would keep in consideration under future appropriate funding schemes an upgrade to the playground in Doneraile".

Pauline Moriarty MDO responded that if appropriate funding streams become available the playground in Doneraile will be considered for upgrade works.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

9. "that this Committee would receive an up-to-date report on Project ACT, and street bins would be reinstated on the streets of Fermoy town".

Included in MDO report.

In relation to the reinstatement of the street bins Brendan O' Gorman SEE explained that the bins were removed to meet Covid-19 social distancing guidelines, and only when the guidelines are changed can the litter bins be re-instated.

10. "that this Committee receive an up-to-date report on funding being made available for a pedestrian crossing at the Queen of Peach Church, Dublin Road, Fermoy".

There are no warrants for a controlled crossing serving the church, crossing the R639, but the new and pending Section 38 for the cycle lanes includes for a defined and uncontrolled crossing point across the R639 at the IDA entrance which will help pedestrians considerably. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

11. "that this Council erect directional sign at entry to road L-5624 indicating 'Shraharla Ambush Site'".
For discussion. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that this is a very narrow, hilly road and he would not recommend encouraging vehicular traffic on to this route; however, if a sign is required he would advise the installation of a fingerpost directional sign and the usual application can be submitted for same.

12. "that this Council carry out survey on the old stone pier at the stile entrance to Fair Field, Fermoy".
Inspection carried out and necessary repairs will be undertaken in the coming weeks. (PM)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RE: Item 8(14) - Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on Bicycle Stands for Fermoy MD

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that Mitchelstown, Fermoy, Kildorrery and Rathcormac have been approved for the installation of a number of bicycle stands. NTA funding is available and as soon as the stands are available for installation, the exact locations within these towns/villages will be agreed and the stands will be installed.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Resurfacing of Patrick Street, Fermoy

Brendan informed the Members that he continues to lobby the TII for the funding required to carry out this much-needed resurfacing.

(2) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Extension to footpath R639 Kilcrumper to Moorepark

Brendan informed the Members that he continues to seek the funding required to continue the much-warranted footpath.

(3) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on Columbarium/Rose Garden for Kilcrumper

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that she had not received an update and will seek one, saying that the relevant SPCs are to create a policy on this matter. Pauline has suggested that Kilcrumper, Fermoy be used as a pilot project for the creation of such a facility for the interment of cremated remains.

(4) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Query about planned use of space over Mitchelstown Library
Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to make enquiries in this regard and revert to the Members.

(5) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on railing in Brigown Cemetery old section.
Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to make enquiries from Mary Sleaman, CCC Heritage Section and revert to the Members.

(6) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Update on Waterloo Lane, Fermoy works
Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that there are planting works planned for this location and she will check when these will be done and revert to the Members.

(7) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Update on funding for footpath work in Ballyhooly Cemetery
Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that this work is a priority, that some funding is available and a programme of work for this footpath is to be prepared for the Members approval at the next meeting.

(8) Cllr. William O' Leary - Update on situation with '59 Club', Fermoy
Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that Fermoy MD is adhering to Derelict Sites legislation with regard to this building and that a legal process is ongoing; she will revert to the elected Members is due course.

(9) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Request for works to damaged posts on Limerick Road, Mitchelstown
Cllr. Dawson requested a replacement pole head on posts damaged in an accident, to which Brendan replied he will have this inspected and any required works carried out.

(10) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Enquiry if 'Project ACT' public meetings planned
Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that meetings with representatives of local community groups can again be considered as Covid-19 restrictions ease and it would be beneficial for these meetings to re-convene as soon as guidelines allow.

Signed Kay Dawson

Date 20.7.2021